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For: SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR FORMING A
SERVO PATTERN ON A MAGNETIC TAPE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

This Request for Continued Examination is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 13, 2004 for which a response is due on April 13, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.